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By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

For Prohibiting Dirt-Boats and Bum-Boats upon the River of *Thames*.

CHARLES R.



Whereas several Dirt-Boats and Bum-Boats do usually pass to and fro upon the River of Thames, the Owners whereof will not submit to the Government of the Company of Watermen, nor any other Regulation whatsoever; But under pretence of Fetching Dirt, and Furnishing necessary Provisions on Board such Ships as are in the River, do commit divers Thefts and Robberies, and practice several other Insufferable Misdemeanours, and sometimes endanger the Firing his Majesties own Ships, as also the Ships of divers Merchants Riding in the River, by coming in the Night time to assist such as are left on Board the Ships, in the Imbezlement of the Goods, Stores, or Tackling Intrusted to their Charges: His Majesty therefore, by Advice of his Privy Council, hath thought fit to Publish this his Royal Proclamation, And doth hereby straitly Charge and Command all and every person and persons whom it doth or may concern, That they presume not henceforth to use any such Dirt-Boats, or Bum-Boats upon any pretence or occasion whatsoever, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils. And if any such Boats shall hereafter be found upon the River of Thames contrary to the Tenour of this His Majesties Proclamation, His Majesty doth hereby straitly Charge and Command the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Brethren of the Trinity House, the Officers of His Majesties Yards, and the Masters and Rulers of the Company of Watermen for the time being, and others whom it may concern, That they cause such Dirt-Boats and Bum-Boats to be Seized, and the persons so using the same, to be Arrested and brought before his Majesty and his Privy Council; And that they do from time to time take strict care that this his Majesties Proclamation may be duly put in Execution.

Given at the Court at Whitehall, the Sixth day of April, In the Twenty third year of His Majesties Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

In the SAVOY,

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